

THE JEWISH GAILY



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"Chai" Campaign a Great Success

ONGREGATION SHA'AR ZAHAV proudly brought to conclusion the "Chai is \$3,000 for an Ethiopian Jew" campaign on Friday night June 25 with the presentation of a check for \$3,000 to Miriam Levy, board member and representative of the American Association for Ethiopian Jews. Bruce Katz, Social Action Committee Chair, and Mike Rankin, Vice-President, made the presentation during the Gay Freedom Week Shabbat service in a symblic gesture to link the theme of freedom for gay and lesbian people with our efforts to help free our Jewish brothers and sisters in Ethiopia.

The "Chai" campaign, under the auspics of the American Association for Ethiopian Jews, is being conducted with the participation of several Bay Area congregations, as well as many others throughout the country. Our Congregation can be very proud of having raised, to date, \$3,300, \$300 of which was sent earlier to the AAEJ to confirm our participation in the campaign. The funds will be used by the AAEJ for the sole purpose of feeding, clothing, and rescuing Ethiopian Jews from Ethiopia and from refugee camps in the Sudan where many of them are languishing under severe conditions.

The campaign was launched at the Congregation's Passover Seder in April. In conjunction with the fundraising, a

Forward with the Forward

The Newsletter Committee invites all members to help make the *Forward* an even better publication. If you are interested in volunteering in any capacity, e.g., writing, graphics, layout, mailing, or in any other way, we can discuss it over a potluck supper. This will be part of our regular committee meeting and will be held Thursday, July 8 at 7:30, at the home of Larry Chandler, 375 Roosevelt Way, in San Francisco. If you wish to know what to bring to the potluck or for further information, call Larry Chandler at 621-6764.

Writers please note that although your copy is due on the 10th, you are all welcome to submit your articles and stories on the 8th and share the supper and the evening with us. If you cannot make it on the 8th, if you'd rather not spend the evening with the gay and Lesbian Jewish intelligentsia but would prefer to stay home watching Laverne and Shirley reruns, we hardly mind, we'll manage. Just please be sure you send the copy to Larry Chandler, 375 Roosevelt Way, San Francisco 94114 no later than the 10th. Copy submitted after that date may not get into the next month's Forward.

letter writing campaign was conducted to put pressure on those officials in Israel to speed up the rescue efforts of the Ethiopian Jews out of the Sudan where disease and poverty are taking a tremendous toll. Over 400 letters were sent out. At the same time, a letter was sent out to all members of the Congregation asking for contributions to this most important cause.

The Congregation wishes to thank all those who participated in helping us reach our goal. To those who have not yet participated but would like to do so, the conclusion of the "Chai" campaign marks only the first step in our efforts on behalf of Ethiopian Jewry. The Congregation has set up a special fund for this purpose, so please continue to contribute. We will not rest until all our brothers and sisters are safe and free in Israel.

—Bruce Katz

A list of contributors to the "Chai" campaign will appear in the August Forward.

Women's Havurah Plans August Weekend

Women's Havurah Planning Committee is looking towards an August weekend at Willow (or another suitable location) for relaxation, recreation and growth. At this writing, plans have not yet been firmed up. Knowing what our women members want will help us solidify our plans, and we ask that you contact the committee through the Synagogue office, 621-2871, with suggestions. One idea presently under consideration is a workshop on financial planning.

In addition to publishing an announcement in the August Forward, we will send a special flyer to all women on the Havurah mailing list. This will be a weekend not to be missed. The anticipated cost is approximately \$30 each, including food.

But don't let July slip through your schedule! Join your sisters and brothers on Friday, July 23, to celebrate with Nancy Meyer, on the very special occasion of her Bat Mitzvah ceremony at our regular Shabbat service. Nancy, who chairs the Women's Havurah Planning Committee, has studied assiduously for this important and memorable event. Let's all share her joy through our participation.

The Coming Year At Sha'ar Zahay

PPROACH THIS YEAR with enthusiasm and high hopes. The strong foundation upon which this Congregation builds, coupled with our constant effort to expand our activities and programs is ideal for making Sha'ar Zahav an even more caring home for our members. I want to continue using our past for guidance as to how to best organize for our future.

During the past year, I saw how well the coordinator and committee system works. The system was a breakthrough in our history and will function even better as it is refined and evolves over the coming year. It is one of my goals to expand our committee system, providing increased opportunities for both the members who are now participating in committees and for those who have yet to discover the joys of working together.

The degree of participation in Congregational activities is the choice of each member. For some, the Congregation is a place to visit for services only a few times a year. For others, it is home, with the members their family. I have no expectation that all members will participate in all activities, and I certainly do not consider participation to be the measure of one's "worth" to our group. Our "worth" and importance to each other is implicit and understood simply because we are all members of this Congregational family.

What I do hope is that everyone will, at least, really think about what it is they would like to receive from the Congregation, and what it is they would like to contribute to it. I hope that each of us who think we might want to become more involved will act on that feeling and call on the other

members and share their effort.

I have found that participation in the Congregation has been a rich and profound experience for me as a lesbian, a

Jew, a human being.

Think about it; be in touch; share your ideas with us. In the coming months I will be sharing my ideas with you about specific ways to be involved in making Sha'ar Zahav more of a family for all of us. -Cheryl Orvis

Welcome!

We finally have an office manager! Sha'ar Zahav welcomes Susan Greenspan, who will serve as receptionist, secretary and organizer for the Congregation. Susan will be working at the synagogue office and will be looking for volunteers to help with the office work. If you are that volunteer, call the synagogue office at 621-2871.

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Members of the Newsletter Committee are Charles Norton (chair), Larry Chandler (editor), Catherine G. Nelson, and

Rodger Pitcairn.

The display advertising rate is \$10 per column inch, prepaid, with a frequency discount of 10% for six or more insertions. The advertising deadline is the 15th of the month. Ads should be camera ready. Any advertising that requires typesetting, camera and/or artwork is subject to a one-time production charge. Ads may be sent to Larry Chandler, 375 Roosevelt Way, San Francisco 94114. For more information, call Larry Chandler at (415) 621-6764.

August 28-September 5, 1982

Help the Gay Olympics Be a Tremendous Success

The first Gay Olympic Games, to be held in San Francisco August 28 through September 5, 1982, will attract competitors from all over the world. While all participating athletes will strive for excellence, the emphasis of the Games will be on participation, cooperation and friendship.

Here are some of the ways you can contribute to making

these Games spectacular:

Host an athlete from out-of-town.

• Contribute \$200 to qualify as a sponsor.

Volunteer as a translator for foreign athletes.

• Join one of the committees now forming—Medical. Tickets, Monitors, Information, Program and Advertising, and many others.

Buy tickets for the opening and closing ceremonies (\$15

each or \$25 for both).

• Attend fund-raising events.

· Attend the sporting events during Games week.

• Buy a T-shirt at \$7.

It is really exhilarating to participate in an event of this

scope. Come on and join the fun.

Contact the Gay Olympic Games office at P.O. Box 14874, San Francisco 94114 or call 861-8282 or 861-0882. Or you may stop in at 597 Castro Street (at 19th).

–Alita Rosenfeld

Va'ad Report

N ANTICIPATION of the plenary session of the Seventh International Conference of Gay and Lesbian Jews (July 4th weekend in Los Angeles), the Va'ad voted to bring before the conference a resolution calling on Jews in free countries throughout the world to commit themselves to feeding, aiding and rescuing our Jewish Ethiopian brothers and sisters. The Va'ad also formally designated Aaron Cooper and Chad Cohen to be candidates for the positions of Coordinating and Corresponding secretaries, respectively, of the World Congress of Gay and Lesbian Jewish Organ-

Bikur Cholim chair Betty Kalis reported that the committee plans to develop topic-oriented bulletins on matters pertaining to the committee's work, to be distributed as a service to the Congregation's membership. The first bulletin, currently being completed, deals with funeral traditions and options in the Bay Area.

After reviewing the many complicated aspects of the negotiations surrounding the Bush Street Temple, the Va'ad voted to reinstitute a study of alternative sites while vigorously pursuing Bush Street as our primary interest.

Va'ad member Rob Tat announced his decision to resign with one year remaining in his term. The Va'ad accepted Rob's resignation, and voted to appoint Bruce Katz to fill the position, in view of Bruce's extensive involvement as chair of both the Social Action and Long Range Planning Committees, and having the next highest vote total in the recent Va'ad elections.

The Newsletter Committee received Va'ad support for a proposal to institute classified advertising for members only

in the monthly Forward.

From Where I Stand

HIS JULY, like so many others, we observe two annual events which appear to be at polar extremes. First, we celebrate the Fourth of July, the joyous reminder of our freedom from oppression under British rule over two hundred years ago. And later in the month we observe Tisha B'Av, the solemn fast commemorating the destruction of the First and Second Temples in Jerusalem and the beginning of the Jewish people's exile (July 29). Since one observance concerns our freedom and the other our loss of it, it seemed appropriate to take a short, but serious, look at that subject.

In our various communities, especially where there are synagogues like ours, we are finding new freedoms which were unthinkable even as recently as five years ago. Our ability to congregate in synagogue settings is a freedom which we now exercise, and which probably existed in the past, but which we had never dared claim. The beauty of this freedom is that people are actively meshing parts of their lives together in ways they formerly believed impossible. Now they find that it is not only possible, but unspeakably beautiful as well.

But there are still clouds on the horizon. The freedom is not total. Many find themselves chained to self-images which they internalized from others, and which deny their wholeness and fullness as human beings. They believe that because they are lesbian or gay they are flawed, and that while they may be free to associate with like-minded people, they ought not to expect to relate deeply or for long, because "we all know how those people are."

Armed with such self-destructive attitudes, we find ourselves in a sort of self-imposed exile both from ourselves and each other, yearning for closeness but afraid to risk it.

The history of the Jewish people is one of life in exile. But there is always the striving to end it, to return to our true home, in a sense to our true selves.

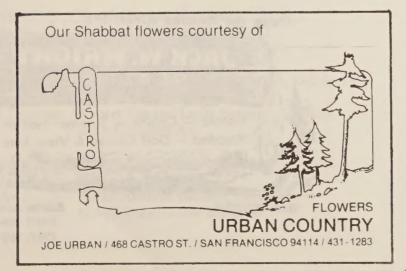
The challenge is to become aware of how we contribute to our own exile, so that we can confront those destructive tendencies, overcome them, and begin the process which brings us back home again, to ourselves and to each other.

-Rabbi Allen B. Bennett

A HOME OF OUR OWN!

There is no change since last month in the status of the search for a new home for the Congregation. Our continued goal regarding the Bush Street Temple is to gain negotiating rights for development. An ad-hoc grant-writing committee including Ken Burke, Alan Lubleiner, Keith Fenton, Mark Feldman and others are busy preparing a request for Urban Development funds to rehabilitate our historic future home.

—Mark Feldman



Daughter of The Commandment

EWISH HISTORY contains certain life-cycle observances that have taken special places in the heart and soul of our people. One such observance is that of Bar, and now, Bat Mitzvah (son or daughter of the commandment). Originally, when a child reached adulthood, certain expectations were placed upon him. The young adult was expected to work to help support the family, to fight to protect it, and, in religious circles, to be a full and knowledgeable participant in worship services. In other words, the young man became an adult in the full sense of the word.

In the early days of the rite of passage many centuries ago, it was unthinkable that a young female should go through such a ceremony, simply because no such expectations devolved upon her at that age, or even at any subsequent age. Role expectations were quite different and remained that way until recently.

Bar mitzvah has always been an important family observance within traditional Judaism, but was rejected from the Reform movement in its early years. It was replaced by Confirmation for some time, but was subsequently reintroduced as the ritual marking the attainment of adulthood with its concomitant responsibilities.

Within the last 50 years, with the painstakingly slow acceptance of the equality of women, especially within religious circles, the rite was expanded to include women who reached the age of twelve. (In earlier times, children "became" adults at a much earlier age than they do today. This explains why the ritual takes place at this age, even though by today's standards we do not call someone an adult until age 18 or 21).

According to tradition, one may become Bar or Bat mitz-vah at the "appropriate" age or at any time thereafter. In our congregation, we have been pleased to have several of our members become Bat or Bar mitzvah, none of whom had done so when they were entering adolescence.

Once again, on July 23, we will have that pleasure, as we join Nancy Meyer when she ascends the pulpit to lead our worship service and to read from the Torah. Nancy has been an active member of our congregation, serving on a number of Congregational committees and supporting our activities for years. She has been studying for months, preparing for the formal ceremony by which she takes her rightful place as a responsible, adult Jew in this community.

Her example is one of which we can be duly proud, and which we encourages others within the Congregation to emulate.

We wish Nancy a hearty *mazel tov* for reaching this auspicious occasion, and we thank her for her devotion to her Congregational family. We look forward to her continued leadership in the Congregation in the years to come.

—Rabbi Allen B. Bennett

Jewish Women's Theatre

The Kishka Sisters present an evening of Jewish Women's Theatre at on Saturday, July 10, at 8:30 p.m. It will be held at the Project Artaud Theatre, 450 Florida St. (at 17th) in San Francisco. There is a \$5 suggested donation. Signing is available and it is wheelchair accessible. For reservations call 543-3074 and for childcare, 755-1233. There is also a performance on Friday, July 9 at 8:30 p.m. for women only.

Gay Night July 17

A Real Circus Comes to Town

July 17 is Gay Night at Circus Vargas. The event, sponsored by Great Outdoor Adventures, promises to be one of the most exciting circus nights as many people will be dressing as their circus fantasy. So if you've always wanted to be a trapeze artist, a ringmaster, or simply the clown that you really are, Saturday July 17 is the night you can get away with it.

There are two shows, at 6 and 8:30 p.m. Unreserved tickets are \$8, with reserved seats going for \$12. The circus will be performing at Crissy Field.

Running concurrently with the circus and continuing until midnight is a Costume Gala and Tea Dance. Tickets for the gala are \$10 (in advance only). The gala will be held at Fort Mason, and will have entertainment provided by David Kelsey & Pure Trash and others. There will also be a costume competition.

It's all a benefit for the Kaposis Sarcoma Foundation and Clinic, The Gay Olympics and The Fort Mason Foundation. There is free parking at Crissy Field, with a shuttle to Fort Mason. For more information, call Great Outdoor Adventures at (415) 621-2400.

Outreach

Services are held in Sacramento on the second Friday of each month at 8 p.m. in the chapel of B'nai Israel, 3600 Riverside Drive. Members and friends in the Sacramento area are encouraged to attend the July 9 service, and to become involved in other Sha'ar Zahav activities as well. For further information, contact Stephen Klein at (916) 673-7215.

Jewish History Havurah

An informal group meets at the home of Dave Rosen (Page & Clayton, San Francisco), on the first Saturday of every month from 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. A book is read before each meeting—historical, literary, contemporary—and then discussed. If you are interested, call 552-0118 evenings and weekends.

Gift Opportunities

Why not make a contribution to the Congregation as a way of remembering a loved one, or saying "Happy Birthday," "Happy Anniversary" or "Happy Whatever Day"? You don't even need an occasion to give to Sha'ar Zahav. And, if you wish, your contribution can be mentioned in the Forward.

Whatever occasion *you* have in mind, contact Ernie Weinstein at 566-1985 for details. And remember that our beautifully designed gift card is available in two versions—with or without the lambda in our logo.

Mazeltov!

The Congregation offers its congratulations to Elizabeth Priest and Denise Gordon who were united this month. The relationship was sanctified by Rabbi Allen Bennett at a ceremony in Dixon, California. The music was provided by Richard Look.

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The Mikado at Stern Grove

The Lamplighters, one of San Francisco's and the country's oldest and best musical ensembles dedicated to authentic productions of the great Savoyard comic operas will present Gilbert and Sullivan's most popular operetta, *The Mikado*, at Stern Grove on Sunday, August 1.

Sha'ar Zahav will be reserving as many picnic tables as is possible. Since the demand for table space at Stern Grove is tremendous, seating at the tables will be first-come, first-served. Those who cannot be seated at the table will be able to enjoy a picnic on the beautiful grounds, surrounded by eucalyptus, redwood and fir trees.

Stock your picnic baskets full of goodies and plan on arriving early for the free 2 p.m. show in the splendor of the Grove.

—Ron Lezel*

Social Program Committe

Free GGBA Buyer's Guide

The Golden Gate Business Association is now distributing its free *Buyer's Guide and Directory*, which lists some 500 Bay Area member businesses, services and professionals. To obtain your copy call the GGBA office at (415) 956-8660.

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Ritual Calendar

Torah: Hukkat-Balak Numbers 19:1-25:9 Friday, Haftorah: Micah 5:6-6:8 July 2

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Torah: Mattot-Massei Numbers 30:2-36:13 Friday.

Haftorah: Jeremiah 2:4-28; 3:4 July 16

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Rosh Chodesh Av

Torah: Devarim Deuteronomy 1:1-3:22 Friday,

Haftorah: Isaiah 1:1-27 July 23

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Torah: Va-Ethanan Deuteronomy 3:23-7:11 Friday,

July 30 Haftorah: Isaiah 40:1-26

10 Av Garry Koenigsberg and Leslie Bergson, Services; Tisha b'Av Observance

Everyone is welcome to join us for Shabbat services Fridays at 8:15 p.m. at the Jewish Community Center, 3200 California Street (at Presidio), San Francisco.

Space Needed for High Holidays

The High Holidays will soon be here and the Congregation is looking for a space that can accommodate 1,000 people. If you are interested in helping us locate that space, please contact Garry Koenigsberg at 635-6249 evenings and weekends.

News From The Committees

Ritual Committee Notes

Now's Your Chance to Conduct a Service

Does it seem to you that the same old faces are always conducting services at Sha'ar Zahav? Wouldn't it be better if there were some new people up at the pulpit?

Good. And *now* is the time to see that something is done about it. The Ritual Committee wants to know when you would like to participate in planning and conducting a service, reading from our siddur, giving a sermon, or reading from the Torah. Marc Lipschutz is the person to contact, and he may be reached before 9:30 p.m. at 567-2588.

Rabbi Bennett conducts workshops for people interested in leading our services, as well as for those who would like to better understand the liturgy. If you have not taken part in services, you have missed an enriching and rewarding experience. For information on the next liturgy workshop, contact the Rabbi at the Synagogue office, 621-2871.

Newsletter Committee Changes

Effective with this July issue of the Forward, Cathy Nelson has resigned as chair of the Newsletter Committee and editor of the Forward. Her responsibilities have been divided between Chuck Norton (chair) and Larry Chandler (editor). Because Cathy has been simply wonderful in her ability to turn the Forward into the remarkable publication it now is, the Newsletter Committee has absolutely no intention of allowing Cathy to lessen her contribution.

Rap Group Topics

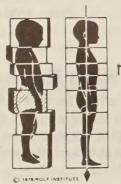
The Rap Group will be meeting on July 13 and 27. On the 13th, the topic will be dealing with relationships: getting into them, getting out of them, and being in them. The 27th will feature the subject of coming out—to your family, employer or employees. The Rap Group meets at the home of Rabbi Bennett at 7:30 p.m. For more information, call 621-2871.

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Public Relations Committee Report

The Public Relations Committee met twice this month. The first meeting, on June 15, dealt specifically with the issue of stationery for the Congregation. The committee is now actively working to create a new design for the stationery and request any members who wish to offer their services to contact Mark Feldman at (415) 648-5556.

The second meeting covered advertising, committee goals, creation of a media plan for the Congregation, and the promotion of upcoming events.

Library Needs Donations

Rabbi Allen Bennett is looking for members to donate funds to begin augmenting the synagogue library. Please contact the synagogue office at 621-2871 if you would like to make a contribution to the Library Fund, or if you would like to serve on a committee for the Library.

Social Programmers Wanted

The Social Program Committee is in need of members to help plan varied social events for the upcoming year. If you are interested in joining this fun-loving committee, please call Ron Lezell at 621-3930.

Committee Members

If you would like the work of your committee to be publicized in the *Forward* or would like to obtain new members, all you have to do is have your committee chair or a designated member of the committee contact the *Forward*. The deadline for each month's *Forward* is the 10th of the previous month. And don't forget—the potluck supper for the *Forward* and the Newsletter Committee on the 8th of July (see separate article).



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The rates are \$1.00 for up to 20 words, additional words at 5¢ each. The *Forward* reserves the right to reject any ad for reasons of taste (we can't afford pink paper anyway). Send your ads to Larry Chandler, 375 Roosevelt Way, San Francisco 94114. Again please note, this column is for members only.



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Join Us for Dinner July 23

On Friday night, July 23, the Congregation is sponsoring its first Shabbat dinner. It will be preceding services at 6 p.m. at the Jewish Community Center. The meal, costing \$3.50, will be catered by The Kosher Nutrition Project.

Sharing Shabbat dinner is another way for all of us at Sha'ar Zahav to be family. If you would like to attend, please return the reservation form by July 15 to Congregation Sha'ar Zahav, P.O. Box 5640, San Francisco 94101.

Why not also be part of the creation of this new program? Call Joe B. at 346-2319 and make this series of dinners a rewarding success for the whole congregation.

PLEASE RETURN THIS RESERVATION FORM NO LATER THAN JULY 15.

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Plexus Seeks Contributors

Plexus, a Bay Area women's paper, is seeking poetry, prose and graphics for a special issue on Jewish Women to appear in September. Submissions may be sent to *Plexus*, 545 Athol Ave., Oakland, CA 94604, by August 1. There will be payment for work that is accepted. Written work should be typed, and a SASE should be enclosed. For more information call (415) 451-2585.

Host a Softballer

The Gay Softball League is hosting the 1982 Gay World Series August 25 through September 5. They are in need of housing for visiting players. If you have space available, phone 775-4037.

Help One in Need

Residents and alumni of Acceptance House, a licensed recovery home for gay male alcoholics are in need of employment. They have a variety of skills and are readily available on a daily, weekly, part-time or full-time basis at moderate rates. For further information, call 931-4944.

Screening of The Trial

On Wednesday, July 21 at 7:30 and 9:45 p.m., the Magnes Museum, in conjunction with the exhibition *Kafka-Prague*, is sponsoring a showing of *The Trial*, the Orson Welles film based on the novel by Franz Kafka. The showing will be at the Pacific Film Archive in Berkeley. Tickets will be available at the PFA box office on the day of performance. For more information call the PFA at 642-1412 or the Magnes Museum, 849-2710.

What's Happening at the **Jewish Community Center**

HAKESPEARE LOVERS can enjoy five days of the Ashland Shakespeare Festival at a special group rate, September 29 to October 3, through the S.F. Jewish Community Center. The group will travel to Oregon in a fully-equipped, air-conditioned bus and will attend six of the eight productions, including Romeo and Juliet, Julius Caesar and Comedy of Errors. Participants can also enjoy a backstage tour, seminar picnics in the park and the hospitality of Southern Oregon State College.

Price for the excursion is \$250 double, \$270 single for JCC members; add \$10 for non-members. This includes four breakfasts and three dinners. Space is limited and must be reserved with a \$50 deposit before August 1. For more information, phone tour leader Toni Mester at 346-6040.

Defining and attaining goals is the focus of an ongoing group beginning Tuesday, July 6, 7:30 p.m. at the JCC. Leader Sam Geffner will help group participants achieve short-term and long-term plans in both personal and professional areas. The group meets three times a month and costs \$21 for JCC members and \$30 non-members. Phone 346-6040.

Speaking out effectively is the subject of a class beginning Wednesday, July 7, 7 to 9:30 p.m. at the JCC. The class will learn impromptu speaking, increasing confidence, proper breathing, and how to get your message across. Judith O'Rourke, founder of Women Aloud Workshops, will teach the four-week class. Fee is \$30 ICC members, \$45 public. 346-6040.

Reduce stress by "breathing to music" is a new technique to be demonstrated Wednesday, July 14, 7:30 to 9 p.m. Seven sessions are being offered at the JCC.

The focus of the class will combine structured breathing with the sounds and tempo of music. This will release tension and anxiety and help individuals relax and increase vitality. The class will be led by Ray R. Simnegar, PhD and clinical psychologist and Jordan A. Alizah. \$5 per session for members, \$7 for non-members. Phone 346-6040. (Note: This class is not recommended for persons with high blood pressure, heart condition, or epilepsy.)

Read and discuss the plays of Shakespeare beginning Thursday, July 8, 7 to 9:30 p.m. at the JCC. Antony and Cleopatra and All's Well That Ends Well are among the plays to be discussed and participants will also attend performances at the Berkeley Shakespeare Festival. 346-6040.

Happy Birthday!

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A humanistic perspective on the role of money in one's life and how to manage it is being offered in a three-part series beginning Wednesday, July 14 at 7:30 p.m. at the JCC. Consultant Roger Pritchard, founder of The Financial Network will provide a fresh viewpoint on the state of national and personal economy based on the person and not statistics. Mr. Pritchard will discuss the seven laws of money, the four illusions of money and the crucial role of social networks.

The fee is \$3 for members, \$4 non-members. 346-6040.

The California Job Rush: An Expose. The problems, myths and realities of California's job opportunities will be outlined by berkeley writer Celeste MacLeod on Wednesday, July 21 at 7:30 p.m. at the JCC.

Ms. MacLeod will discuss the myth of California's limitless opportunities, the hidden class structure and racial prejudice in the job market, and the potential for changing the present employment crisis. The fee is \$2 for members, \$3 for non-members. 346-6040.

Newly-published novels by women will be the focus of the Women's Literature class beginning Tuesday, July 6, 9:30 to 12 noon at the JCC. There will be six sessions and is open to all persons interested in discussing women's contemporary fiction. 346-6040.

